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PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to grant a two-month extension of time to and including January 6, 2004, in which to file the Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

This form is filed in duplicate. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$420.00 and any additional fees which may be required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/2640.Y2/KMT.

Respectfully submitted,

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